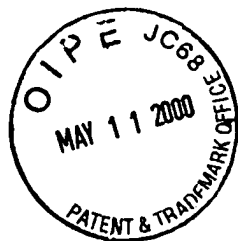


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Mark T. KEATING et al. )  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 2 February 2000 for one month from 2 May 2000 to 2 June 2000. Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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